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Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer The Honorable Sally Lieber California State Assembly PO Box 942849 Sacramento, California 94249-0001

Dear Assembly Member Lieber:

I am writing on behalf of the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee (Committee) in support of Assembly Bill 386. Your bill seeks to transfer authority for administering the Smog Check program from the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Automotive Repair to the California Air Resources Board.

Conceptually, the Committee concurs with the need to shift this authority to improve California's emission reduction strategies. At this time, AB386 appears somewhat broad based in that the lines of authority and responsibilities have not been defined. Therefore, the Committee suggests that the bill be amended to ensure clarity of purpose and delineate responsibilities for the program and funding. The Committee is finalizing an issue paper regarding the need for the transfer of authority for this program and upon completion, we will send you a copy for your consideration. We anticipate completing and adopting the document at our next Committee meeting to be held on May 24, 2005.

If we can be of any assistance as this bill progresses through the Legislature, please contact our Executive Officer at (916) 322-8249. Thank you for your efforts to help clean the air and improve the environment for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Victor Weisser Chairman